

Page 1, between lines 22 and 23, insert the following

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(heading:) SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Page 3, cancel lines 6 and 7 in their entirety.

Page 4, cancel the paragraph at lines 9-22, and in place thereof, insert the following new paragraph:

The thickness of the individual cage sections can be adapted to the clearance between the internal element and external element, taking into consideration unavoidable tolerances, so that the internal element is supported directly over the cage at the external element, when the elastic deformation of the hollow bodies exceeds a certain value. In this way, the maximum twisting between the internal element and the external element can be limited by a suitable configuration of the cage. Alternatively or in addition, for limiting the twisting, it is also possible to insert in each hollow body a solid roll, which lies with a certain clearance in the hollow body and limits the extent of the elastic flattening of the hollow body. Furthermore, it is conceivable to insert alternately hollow bodies and solid rolls as roll barrels in the windows of the cage. The rolls then have a somewhat smaller diameter than the hollow bodies, so that they lie with clearance

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between the internal element and the external element and limit only the deformation of the hollow bodies.

Page 4, between lines 22 and 23, insert the following heading:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Page 5, between lines 6 and 7, insert the following

[heading:] DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Page 6, line 20 - Page 7, line 2, cancel the paragraph, and in place thereof, insert the following new paragraph:

Before the installation in the telescopic mechanism, the three sections 22 of the cage 20, which are connected with one another by the two flexible cross members 24, can assume the shape of a flat stretched tape, a section of which is shown in Figure 2. The section 22, in which three helical springs 18 are held in appropriate window-like openings 26 one behind the other in the axial direction of the telescopic mechanism, can be seen there partly in plan view and partly in section. In the upper side of the section 22, visible in Figure 2, as well as on the invisible reverse side, the walls of the openings 26 have catches